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1. FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY RESPONSE TO
MR. VEST'S LETTER OF MAY 17 ON IRS STAFFING AT PARIS:

"REGARDING THE PARIS OFFICE, MR. JEROME KURTZ, COMMISSIONER
OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, POINTS OUT THAT THE RE-
COMMENDATION TO REDUCE IRS SECRETARIAL STAFFING FROM TWO
TO ONE SEEMS TO BE BASED ON AN ERRONEOUS ASSUMPTION THAT
IRS HAS TWO SECRETARIAL POSITIONS THERE. THE PARIS OFFICE
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HAS ONLY ONE FULL-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION UNDER MODE."
SIGNED WILLIAM J. BECKHAM, JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
ADMINISTRATION.

2. IRS COMMISSIONER KURTZ RESPONDED:

"WITH REGARD TO THE SECRETARIAL POSITION IN PARIS, WE HAVE

NOT PROVIDED A JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS POSITION FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST, THE PARIS OFFICE ONLY HAS ONE FULL-TIME

SECRETARIAL POSITION UNDER MODE. THE SECOND SECRETARY IS A TEMPORARY HIRE USED ON AN 'AS NEEDED' BASIS PRIMARILY TO FILL IN FOR THE PERMANENT SECRETARY DURING LEAVE PERIODS AND PEAK WORKLOAD PERIODS DURING THE MONTH. SECOND, WE ARE RESTRICTED FROM HIRING FOREIGN NATIONALS TO FILL EVEN THE TEMPORARY POSITION BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS OF CONDUCTING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS. SUCH INVESTIGATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450."

3. COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE BEING POUCHED TO POST THIS DATE.

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